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CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEEILLEGAL SHIPMENTS OF STRATEGIC GOODSDRAFT MEMORANDUM BY THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION

In COCOM document No. 3531 of May 14 the United Kingdom Delegation reported on the circumstances leading to the prosecution of a United Kingdom firm for apparent contravention of strategic export controls. The goods in question were roller bearings, covered by International List I Item 1601 at the time of the offence.

2. On 26th June, 1959 at the Central Criminal Court, London, the firm pleaded guilty and were fined £3,000, plus £1,050 costs. In addition, the Managing Director was fined £500 and the manager and the secretary £100 each, the alternative being three months' imprisonment in each case.

3. The prosecution found no evidence that the firm knew that the bearings, originating in the United States, were going to China after they had been ordered in Switzerland. The firm contravened The Control of Goods (Import Certificates) Order, 1951, however, by failing to comply with the obligations imposed upon them by the issue of a United Kingdom Import Certificate in respect of the bearings.

4. No licence in accordance with the terms of the Certificate was issued by the United Kingdom authorities.

United Kingdom Delegation,
Paris.

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